

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 and 31 have been cancelled. Claims 11-20 and 32 were previously canceled. Accordingly, claims 21-30 and 33 are currently pending in this case.

Applicants graciously acknowledge the allowance of claims 21-30 and 33.


Claims 1-10 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being incomplete for omitting essential steps. Office Action at 2. In light of the amendments herein, this rejection is moot.

Claim 31 is objected to under 35 CFR § 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 1. In light of the amendments herein, this objection is moot.

In view of the above amendment, applicants believe the pending application is in a condition for allowance.

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